

# Joint Select Committee on Public Health Financing



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Thursday, November 10, 2005  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Vancouver City Council Chambers

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## Work Session:

### 1. Introductions

Representative Shay Schual-Berke, Chair

### 2. Welcome

John Weisman, Director, Clark County Health Department

### 3. Discussion: What evidence is there of a crisis in public health financing?

How healthy are we?

- Washington State Department of Health - presentation on health status

What does our health status say about Washington's public health system?

What are the strengths and weaknesses of our public health system that available health statistics don't capture?

What does Washington's public health system need to do better or differently to address current or potential gaps in health status?

How do we achieve any desired improvements?

*See the attachment for a more detailed outline of the intended discussion. In addition to Committee members, representatives of the following have been invited to participate in the discussion: Department of Health, Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials, State Board of Health, Washington Health Foundation, Washington State Medical Association, Washington State Hospital Association, and American Indian Health Commission for Washington State.*

### 4. Next Steps

### 5. Adjourn